

Anglican Parish of Parkes

St George's
PARKES

St Stephen's
PEAK HILL

St Stephen's
BINDOGUNDRA

Holy Trinity
REEDY CREEK

Sunday, 10 February 2019
The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Our **Vision** is to be a growing faith community of lives transformed by Christ.

Our **Mission**: We are followers of Christ, who, with God's help, are encouraging Spirit-filled people to share and teach God's word.

February Birthdays

Jan Powter (6th), Kieran Duncan (6th),
Jan Tanswell (14th), Keith Woodlands (16th),
Mitchell Applebee (18th), Norma Garment (19th),
Dee Melville (21st), Barry Garment (24th),
Sam Quince (28th)

Upcoming events:

Bishop Ian's Farewell

Come along and share
High Tea with Bishop Ian
17 February, 12:30pm
St George's Hall



Tuesday, 10am-12pm
at St George's Church Hall
Contact Church Office on 6862 1868



AGM - 24th February 2019

11:30am

Mission Partner

ABM
Anglican Board of Mission - Australia
Working for Love, Hope & Justice



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News for You

Welcome to St Georges and we give thanks that you could join with us. If you are visiting today, we hope that we met your need and that you felt welcomed by our congregation. If you are looking for a new family to join fill out connect form and tick a box and

This Week:

Monday

18 Feb Upper Room Disciplines, 3pm
Toy Library, 3:30 to 6:00pm

Tuesday

19 Feb Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Little Acorns, 10am to 12noon

Wednesday

20 Feb Holy Communion, 10am

Thursday

21 Feb Panorama Home Group,
7:30pm
Men's Group, Lower Hall,
7:30pm

Friday

22 Feb Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Connect Kids, 4 to 5:30pm
Nexus Youth, 7 to 8:30pm

Next Week:

St Georges, Parkes

Saturday

23 Feb Holy Communion, 5pm

Sunday

24 Feb Holy Communion, 7:30am
Holy Communion, 9:30am

St Stephens, Peak Hill

Sunday

24 Feb Ext Holy Communion, 9am

Diocesan Events:

Mar

2 Safe Ministry Training, Orange
Anglican Grammar School, 9:30am

Parish Events:

Feb

17 Bishop Ian's Farewell, 12:30pm
High Tea at St George's Hall
19 Parish Council Meeting, 7:30pm
21 Alpha, Upper Hall, 7pm
24 St George's AGM, 11:30am
28 Alpha, Upper Hall, 7pm

From the Rector

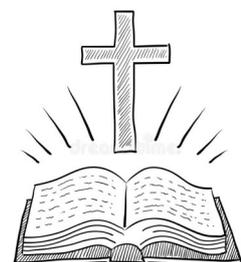
What is the disease people don't even know they have got but is always fatal? **Such a disease has existed from the dawn of mankind Sin**

Jeremiah in particular helps me to remember my priorities in life. God always comes first. Reliance on him alone before anyone or anything is something I need to keep in focus. During Lent I'm no different than most of us. There is always an extra effort on the spiritual. Spending time in quiet prayer and meditation, fasting, my giving to God (almsgiving) and the traditional practices of Lent make up my Lenten routine. The purpose is always to draw closer to God. The reading from Jeremiah confirms the importance of these actions.

From the ashes of Ash Wednesday when I'm reminded "from dust you came and to dust you shall return." Both the Gospel and the Old Testament reading tell me there is more after death. In Jeremiah we are told: "the LORD, alone probe the mind and test the heart, to reward everyone according to his ways, according to the merit of his deeds. If we avoid the way of the wicked and follow and trust in the Lord we have the assurance his grace will be upon us. So as Lent is just around the corner my prayer is that we persist in responding to the grace of the Lord and turning my heart to the Lord.

Blessings

Father Ron



Sentence of the day:

Blessed are you when people hate you on account of the Son of man. Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. *Luke 6.23*

Collect of the day:

Righteous God,
you challenge the powers that rule this world
and you show favour to the oppressed:
instil in us a true sense of justice,
that we may discern the signs of your kingdom
and strive for right to prevail;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the future of our Diocese

Prayer: "Let your gentle spirit lead me in the right path." *Psalm 143:10*

Good Shepherd of your people, lead us, we pray, in ways of wonder and delight. Teach us by your Spirit to discern your way, trust your directions and give us courage to humbly walk with you. When the way is tough grant us a fresh vision of Jesus; when we are tempted by ease deepen our love for you. May the Gospel of forgiveness, healing and hope give us purpose for our journey and keep us faithful to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for the time of choosing a Bishop (APBA p. 212, used with permission)

Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this diocese a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. So may your Church be built up and your name glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Archbishop of Sydney's prayer for rain:

Our heavenly Father, we acknowledge our ingratitude when we have taken your goodness for granted, when the heaven has poured forth rain and the earth has produced its fruit. Yet now we cry to you for help, as the drought in New South Wales deepens. Have mercy on our land; have mercy on the people of the land. May your bountiful hand send forth rain upon our parched earth. Fulfil your promises that while the earth remains, seedtime and harvest shall not cease, so that those in remote and rural areas may find relief from their distress and glorify your name for the provision of their needs. We ask this in the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers for Alpha:

- Pray for each member of our church to have the confidence to invite someone to the Alpha Course
- Pray for the Lord to prepare the hearts and minds of those that will be invited
- Pray for the team helping organize Alpha including the hosts and helpers that they would be filled with the Holy Spirit and have the gift of wisdom and the ability to make everyone feel welcomed.

Pastoral Care Do you need a visit at home, nursing homes or in hospital, fill out the connect form return on the collection plate so it can be forwarded on to one of the team? If it is to be a private visit for some reason call the church office or Fr Ron personally.

Ministries at St Georges

Little Acorns Is a ministry for mums and young children. Held in the top hall at St Georges 10am till 12 noon each Tuesday of school term.

Connect Kids An afterschool program for children from kindy to year 6, connecting children to the message of Christ. Fridays 4pm – 5:30pm.

Nexus Is a ministry for youth and young adults! Currently running alternate Fridays 7 till 8.30pm. A time of fun, learning and sharing a meal together.

Sunday School and Kids Church

Sunday school is every Sunday during the service except every second Sunday of the month which is Kids Church, followed by morning tea.

Service Information: Please feel free to contact the Office on 6862 1868 during office hours to book a meeting with the Ministry Team for any of the following: Weddings, Baptisms, Confirmation, Funeral and Memorial Services, Investigating Christianity, Hiring Church Facilities.

Readings This Week

Epiphany 6

Jeremiah 17:5-10 (pg 628)

Psalms 1 (APBA 224)

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (pg 935)

Luke 6:17-26 (page 838)

Hymns

7:30am: 563, 569, 226, 54

9:30am: 30, 975, 1122, 1008

Figures for W/E 10/2/19

Collections \$2,459.00

Target. \$2,700.00

Shortfall. \$241.00

Building Maintenance

To date: \$21,627

Parish Directory

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Readings Next Week

Epiphany 7

Genesis 45:3-11, 15 (pg 37)

Psalms 37:1-11, 40-41 (APBA 258)

1 Corinthians 15:35-50 (pg 936)

Luke 6:27-38 (page 838)